

Community Assistance Program

The following communities will have either a Community Assistance Contact Visit or be contacted by telephone:

City of Aiken
Town of Bluffton
Town of Williams
City of Mauldin
City of Simpsonville
City of Greer
City of Greenwood
Town of Ridgeland
City of Clinton
Laurens County
City of Laurens
Town of Chapin
City of Cayce
Town of Pine Ridge
Town of South Congaree
Town of Springdale
Town of Swansea
Town of Irmo
City of Mullins
Town of Nichols
Orangeburg County
Town of Fort Mill
City of Rock Hill
York County

All of these communities will be contacted after the first of the year. Questions should be directed to Maria Cox (803)734-9493 or email: cox@dnr.sc.gov

Interested in Joining SCAHM?

The South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation (SCAHM) is a professional organization dedicated to educating our communities about mitigating hazards and loss prevention. Our members represent various professions, including but not limited to: building code enforcement officials and inspectors, emergency managers, engineers, floodplain managers, GIS technicians, hydrologists, planning and/or zoning officials, and project managers.

SCAHM sponsors an annual educational conference in the spring each year. Educational sessions on multiple types of hazards are presented during the annual educational conference. SCAHM also sponsors training sessions each year in locations across the State of South Carolina. Our conference and training sessions are eligible for continuing education credits for Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM).

SCAHM is a Chapter Member of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc. (ASFPM), the primary professional association of floodplain managers in the US.

If you are interested in joining SCAHM, please contact Shawn Putnam at putnam@camdensc.org for a membership form.

2008 SCAHM Conference Information

The 2008 SCAHM Annual Conference will be held March 11-14, 2008 at the Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort in North Myrtle Beach, SC. The association has already lined up some interesting and informative sessions for everyone. Our keynote address will be from Al Goodman, current Chair of ASFPM. Registration forms will be going out in the next 2-3 weeks. Room rates at the hotel are \$65 per night for a room or \$75 per night for a suite. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Stone, SCAHM Chair, at 803-359-8121 or cstone@lex-co.com.

Upcoming CFM Exam Offering

CFM Exam
Tuesday March 11, 2008
3pm - 6pm
SCAHM Conference
Ocean Drive Beach Resort
North Myrtle Beach, SC

Please be aware that ASFPM no longer will allow the CFM exam to be proctored for individuals. Given this fact the number of times the exam will be offered this year will be limited. Also, the registration paperwork will have to be received by ASFPM at a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the exam date. This will be the first of three opportunities to take the exam in 2008 provided there are sufficient exam registrations.

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Annexations

Please remember when submitting annexation information to our office, you must include the FIRM panel that the property is located on. If you have another staff member that handles the submission of annexation information, please coordinate with them to ensure the appropriate information is included.

Letters of Map Change

Keep in mind that Letters of Map Change (LOMC) are available for viewing at the Map Service Center (MSC) website (<http://msc.fema.gov>). To learn about the different ways to access the LOMCs, click on **How do I find a LOMC?** under the More Information tab on the MSC homepage.

Map Modernization Program

LIDAR Project

The Map Modernization Staff is pleased to announce that FEMA has approved a portion of the FY2007 Map Modernization funding be used towards the acquisition of Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) for 14 counties that will be scoped in the first quarter of 2008. This money will be earmarked and contributed to the greater LIDAR project sponsored by the SCDNR GIS Department and USGS. The counties approved were selected based on the decile ranking determined by FEMA prior to the Map Modernization process, the expected growth within each county, number of stream miles

present, and amount of allocated funding for each county study. Through the acquisition of new terrain data, SCDNR will be able to eliminate a large percentage of Unnumbered A Zone in each of these counties. The approved counties include:

Cherokee County
Chester County
Chesterfield County
Clarendon County
Darlington County
Dillon County
Greenwood County
Lancaster County
Laurens County
Marion County
Marlboro County
Newberry County
Orangeburg County
Williamsburg County

Earmarked funds will be used to capture countywide data and process that data along the county streambeds. The SCDNR GIS Department/USGS LIDAR project will work to process the rest of this data, as well as acquire data for Fairfield and Union counties as Phase I of that project. Once complete all LIDAR data will become public data for use by each community.

Other Map Modernization News

In the upcoming quarter, the Map Modernization Program will hold a PDCC meeting for York County, see the issuance of a Letter of Final Determination for Lee and Pickens County, as well as begin the Scoping Phase for the 23 remaining counties in our State.

The Map Modernization Program will contact floodplain administrators at the county level to begin coordinating Scoping Meeting in the next several weeks in all counties not yet involved in the Map Modernization Process. It is our goal to conduct the remaining 23 Scoping Meetings no later than February 2008.

Flood Manager Contact Database

To date we still have not received all the postcards sent out requesting the updated contact information for the flood manager's and their offices. If you have not yet replied to this request, please forward the name and contact information of your community's floodplain manager to the attention of Charlotte Eppich at eppichc@dnr.sc.gov.

Emergency Management Institute

Don't forget as a local official you qualify for admission into the courses offered at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). For more information on applying for EMI, visit their website at <http://training.fema.gov/>.